25: Brodrick--104-105 S-3 (1939) 1948 Laotians
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"Most of the Laotian pagodas are a mass of jumbled ruin. Others are in sore straits. Still, there is an abundance of temples in Luang-Prabang itself. The sixteenth-century That-Luong has been restored, as has the old [105] Royal Pagoda. There is the ruined Vat-Manorom, built it is said, in 1372 to shelter a colossal statue of the Buddha, of which only the bust and head have survived. And there is the Pagoda of the Crystal Statue, which statue was carried off in 1827 by the Siamese to Bangkok. Any criminal who reached the Temple of the Crystal Statue could claim absolute asylum--in the olden days--but now the building is breached. And there are many more, temples and stupas."